WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An illuminating mechanism of a rotary electric component comprising:
- a rotary knob assembled in a cutout of a front panel in an exposed state,
- a thin faceplate having a display portion disposed around the rotary knob,
- a holder for bonding and fixing an inner circumferential portion and an outer circumferential portion of the rear surface of the faceplate, and
- a light source for emitting light from the rear side of the faceplate to the display portion,

wherein a region of the holder bonded to the outer circumferential portion of the faceplate protrudes forward farther than a region of the holder bonded to the inner circumferential portion of the faceplate by a predetermined amount, and an area in the vicinity of the outer circumferential portion of the faceplate is pressed by a protruding portion formed on the rear surface of the front panel.

2. An illuminating mechanism of a rotary electric component according to Claim 1, wherein the protruding portion is continuously formed around the circumferential edge of the cutout of the front panel.